Revival Plan in Respect of IDPL Sick Units

2596. SHRI J.CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited has submitted a revised revival Plan in respect of its sick units to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's decision thereon;

(c) whether it a fact that the employees of the various units of IDPL have not got their salary since March this year; and

(d) if so, the details and steps being taken for the payment of the wages to the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTGRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A. K. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revised rehabilitation proposal for the IDPL as a whole as well as its units with cut-off date as on 30.9.1998 was submitted by the Management of IDPL to the Government on 1.6.1998. This proposal is being examined by the Government.

(c) and (d) IDPL has released Salaries & Wages to its employess up-to 15th March, 1998. A Budget provision of Rs. 30.00 Crores have been kept for payment of wages & salaries to IDPL employees on net basis upto September, 1998 The financial assistance will be released to IDPL after the Budget for 1998-99 is passed by the Parliament.

Rehabilitation of Victims of Bhopal Gas Tragedy

2597. SRHI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the victims of Bhopal Gas tragedy have been completely rehabilitated;

(b) if not, how many of them are still to be rehabilitated and how much funds have been allocated for this purpose; and

(c) whether the allocation for the victims has been reduced from Rs. 100 crores to Rs. 60 crores 1998-99 budget, if so, the reasons for reducing the allocation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS: (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) and (b) An action Plan of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for the medical, economic, social and environmental rehabilitation of the Bhopal gas victims was approved by the Government of India, initially for a period of 5 years from 1st April, 1990 to 31st March, 1995. Subsequently, it has been extended upto 30th September, 1998 at an outlay of Rs. 258 crores.

Even though considerable money has been spent, the schemes relating to medical rehabilitation remain incomplete. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh is being constantly pursued to complete the schemes.

(c) The Provisions have been made keeping in view the approximate requirements under each head. No deliberate attempt has been made to reduce allocation for the relief of the gas victims.